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SUBJECT: DOWNED KOREAN AIRLINER: FINNISH AIR CLEARANCE

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1. SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INQUIRED IF U.S. HAS FINNISH PERMISSION FOR OVERFLIGHT FROM MURMANSK TO HELSINKI. WE RESPONDED THAT IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING FINNISH AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARED TO GIVE THEIR FULL COOPERATION TO THIS FLIGHT. WE ALSO STATED THAT WE HAD ASKED OUR EMBASSY IN HELSINKI TO TAKE ANY STEPS WHICH IT BELIEVED WERE NECESSARY WITH FINNISH GOVERNMENT TO THIS END. SOVIETS SAID THEY WOULD NEVERTHELESS LIKE TO KNOW IF FINNS HAVE APPROVED FLIGHT.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY HELSINKI ADVISE US IMMEDIATELY WHETHER WE HAVE PERMISSION OF FINNISH AUTHORITIES FOR FLIGHT FROM MURMANSK TO HELSINKI. SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED
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THAT FLIGHT FROM MURMANSK TO HELSINKI SHOULD CROSS INTO FINNISH TERRITORY IN VICINITY OF IVALO. WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY FROM USBER THAT FLIGHT PLAN THEN TAKES IT OVER NORWEGIAN AIRSPACE BEFORE CROSSING BACK OVER FINNISH TERRITORY TO HELSINKI. AS FOR TIME OF FLIGHT, WE HAD BEEN HOPING THAT FLIGHT WOULD DEPART BERLIN IN TIME TO REACH MURMANSK AND PERMIT TAKE OFF THIS EVENING FOR HELSINKI.

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DELAY IN TRANSMITTAL OF FLIGHT PLAN, HOWEVER, AND IN
DEPARTURE FROM BERLIN NOW MAKES DEPARTURE TIME FROM
MURMANSK QUESTIONABLE. WHEN WE MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF
DEPARTURE THIS EVENING FROM MURMANSK, MFA OFFICIAL SAID
THAT THIS WOULD DEPEND ON ARRIVAL TIME THERE AND AMOUNT OF
TIME INVOLVED IN MAKING TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL. TOON

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